

*Friday, February 27, 1998*

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1133–S1176*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1691–1693, and S. Res. 186. Page S1155

**ISTEA Authorization:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S1147–50, S1154

Adopted:

Bond Amendment No. 1677 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require that, in funding natural habitat and wetland mitigation efforts related to Federal-aid highway projects, a preference be given, to the maximum extent practicable, to the use of certain mitigation banks. Pages S1148–50

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, March 2, 1998.

**Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act—Conferees:** The Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the follow-

ing conferees: Senators Lugar, Cochran, Coverdell, Harkin, and Leahy. Pages S1135–47

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:43 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 2, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1173.)

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings on budget requests for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their respective operations from Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 4.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 2.

### *Committee Meetings*

No Committee meetings were held.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 2 through 6, 1998

## Senate Chamber

During the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1173, ISTEA Authorization, and may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for action.

*(Senate will recess on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** March 5, to hold hearings to examine the global warming agreement recently reached in Kyoto, Japan and its effect on the agricultural economy, 9 a.m., SR-332.

**Committee on Appropriations:** March 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Army and Defense programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 3, 4 and 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, Tuesday, for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m.; S-146, Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

March 5, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Department, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine barriers to airline competition, 10 a.m., SD-124.

**Committee on Armed Services:** March 3, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 3, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the seapower threat-based requirement, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 4, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings to examine military transformation initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 4, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the ongoing competitions to determine the dispositions workloads currently performed at Sacramento and San Antonio Air Logistics Centers, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 4, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 4, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies of the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold open and closed (SR-222) hearings on the role of the Department of Defense in countering the transnational threats of the 21st century, including terrorism, narco-trafficking, and weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., SH-216.

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** March 3, to hold hearings on S.1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency action, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** March 3 and 5, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 5, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the commercialization of space, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 3, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 3, business meeting, to consider amendments to S. 1173, authorizing funds for construction of highways, for highway safety, and for mass transit programs (ISTEA) (pending in Senate), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 2, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

March 3, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and to mark up S. Res. 174, to state the sense of the Senate that Thailand is a key partner and friend of the United States, has committed itself to executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund, and that the United States should be prepared to ensure continue close bilateral relations, and H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the U.S. in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

March 4, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the World Trade Organization film case and its ramifications for United States-Japan relations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 5, Subcommittee on European Affairs and Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the conflict in the Caucasus, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine market power and structural change in the software industry, 10 a.m., SH-216.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the national drug control strategy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 4, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on section 271, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 5, Subcommittee on Immigration, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* March 3, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine the United States' response to infectious diseases, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 4, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking,

for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 5, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine after school child care options, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 4, to hold hearings on S. 1578, to make available on the Internet, for the purposes of access and retrieval by the public, certain information available through the Congressional Research Service web site, and on the fiscal year 1999 budget request for the operation of the Library of Congress, and on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the American Folklife Center, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* March 3, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 4, business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999 with a view towards making its recommendations to the Committee on the Budget; to be followed by a hearing on S. 1280, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to biological weapons threat to the United States, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House Chamber

*Monday*, no legislative business.

*Tuesday*, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of Suspensions:

NOTE: No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

*Wednesday and Thursday*, Consideration of H.R. 856, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act (Subject to a Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act (Subject to a Rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act (Subject to a Rule).

*Friday*, No recorded votes are expected.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, March 3, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review legislation to reform information technology procurement at the USDA to ensure year 2000 compliance; and to mark up H.R. 3280, USDA Year 2000 Compliance Enhancement Act, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 4, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 5, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, on Congressional and public witnesses (Natural Resources), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on U.S. Special Operations Command, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2158 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies, on FEMA, 9 a.m., and 12 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., and on the SBA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on the Secretary of State, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Interior, on Congressional and Public Witnesses (Energy Programs), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Health Resources and Services Administration 10 a.m., and on the Health Care Financing Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on National Security, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., and, executive, on the U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Departmental Offices; and the Treasury Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on the Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies, on Departmental Administration, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the FBI, 10 a.m., and on the Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Interior, on Congressional and Public Witnesses (Indian Programs), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., and on the Administration for Children and Families and the Administration on Aging, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Quality of Life and Senior Enlisted from each Service, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999 Air Force Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on FY 1999 Air Force Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Financial Management Services, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Mint, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 9 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, March 4, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing to Review the Proposed Rules Regarding the Management of Federal Agency Payments through the Use of Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 5, full committee, to mark up H.R. 3114, International Monetary Fund Reform and Authorization Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 4, hearing on the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol and Its Economic Implications, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 3000, Superfund Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Tobacco Settlement, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 3, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the Future Direction of the EEOC, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, to mark up H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Developing

a Consensus on Student Loan Interest Rates, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; and H.R. 2327, Drive for Teen Employment Act, 9:30 a.m. 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, March 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the following measures: Government Waste, Fraud, and Error Reduction Act of 1998; H.R. 2347, Federal Benefit Verification and Integrity Act; and H.R. 2063, Debt Collection Wage Information Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, to mark up the following: Government Waste, Fraud, and Error Reduction Act of 1998; H.R. 2347, Federal Benefit Verification and Integrity Act; and H.R. 2063, Debt Collection Wage Information Act of 1997; and H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hold a hearing on Oversight of the Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Public Health 2000: Hepatitis C, the Silent Epidemic, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, March 3, to consider pending business, 4:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

March 5, to continue hearings on Campaign Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 4, hearing on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba, an assessment of its impact on religious freedom in Cuba to be followed by a markup on the following measures: H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building, and H. Con. Res. 215, congratulating the people of Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 5, full Committee, hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget request for FY 1999, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 364, urging the introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; H. Res. 361, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia; and H. Con. Res. 218, con-

cerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on the Ongoing Crisis in the Great Lakes, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 3 and 4, to markup the following: H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding religious freedom; H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998; H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act; H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 1252, Judiciary Reform Act of 1997; H. Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use; H.R. 118, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997; and Committee Budget Views and Estimates; and to consider other pending Committee business, 2 p.m., March 3 and 10 a.m., March 4, 2141 Rayburn.

March 5 and 6, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearings on the following: consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing regarding mass torts and class action lawsuits, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2837, Naturalization Reform Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, March 3, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on the resale system and CBO report implications, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1999 budget request for the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 4 and 5, full Committee, hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on FY 1999 Department of Defense, emphasis on Navy and Marine Corps modernization programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on FY 1999 Department of Defense, emphasis on Army modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R.

2973, Sportfishing and Boating Improvement Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 5, full committee, oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, March 3, to consider H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to a full self government for Puerto Rico, 2:30 p.m., H-312, the Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 4, oversight hearing on Math and Science Education I; Maintaining the Interest of Young Kids in Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 5, full committee, to consider pending Committee business; to be followed by continuation of oversight hearings on the Road From Kyoto—Part 3: State Department Overview, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 3, hearing on the SBA's fiscal year 1999 Budget and their annual performance plan, 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the Regulatory Fairness Program and the first annual Report to Congress submitted by the national Small Business Ombudsman, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 4, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to markup H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Aviation, to markup H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997; followed by a hearing on FAA's modernization programs, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the General Services Administration FY 1999 budget and related issues, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 5, Subcommittee on Benefits, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; and H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, H.R. 3212, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on reports regarding Medicare payment policies, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint hearing*: March 3, Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, March 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, March 2

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEAA Authorization.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** No Legislative business.



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